



Planning Commission Minutes  
April 18, 2007 Regular Scheduled Meeting

APPROVED

City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 P.M.

**Planning Commission Present**

Randy McKibbin, **Chair**  
Grant Sulham, **Vice-Chair**  
Donn Lewis  
Dennis Poulsen  
David Eck  
Katrina Minton-Davis  
L. Winona Jacobsen

**City Staff Present**

Marvin Vialle, Interim P&CD Director  
Christy McQuillen, Planning Commission Clerk

A poll determined that a majority of Commission members would be available for the next meeting scheduled for May 2, 2007 to be held at City Hall Council Chambers.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Ms. McQuillen requested that minutes for review and approved for April 4, 2007 be postponed for review until the next meeting scheduled for May 2, 2007. Chair McKibbin accepted.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None**

**III. OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

**Sign Code Revisions-**

**Sign code:** Chair McKibbin reported that a recent discussion with Mayor Johnson regarding a possible moratorium on new technology signs is not favorable. Mr. Vialle said that the City Attorney's are reviewing this subject and staff has nothing to report at this time.

Commissioner Poulsen said that currently it's less of a problem with LED reader-board or video signs (because there is only one right now that is drawing a lot of attention) than there is with A-frame board signs. They're unattractive; several are posted along SR410 E out in the right-of-way areas, on sidewalks and

congregate in areas close to intersections or appear to be larger than what is currently allowed per code. This is the largest problem.

As a group, the Commissioner pointed out that if the City is to approve new technology LED and/or video display signs, there should be an “annual fee” for these types of signs or other signs (suggesting approximately up to \$5,000.00). These so-called fees could cover the cost of additional sign enforcement. If there are problems with enforcement, then annual fees on certain types of signs should be explored. The benefits could be 1) additional enforcement staff, 2) elimination of nonconforming signs and 3) controlling Real Estates signs.

Staff reported that a joint meeting with the Design Commission has been scheduled for May 16, 2007, which will cover the Downtown Plan and downtown signage concepts. In addition, a joint meeting has been scheduled with City Council for May 30, 2007 regarding these same subjects.

This item is to remain on the Agenda under Old/Continuing Business until complete.

**Legislative Priorities-** Mr. Ladd prepared Draft Ordinances for Items #2, 5, 6, 11 and circulated to the Planning Commission prior to tonight’s meeting. The drafts are simply for the commission to review at this time.

This item is to remain on the Agenda under Old/Continuing Business until complete

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING-** None

**V. NEW BUSINESS-** None

**VI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**Correspondence-** None

**Staff Concerns-** Ms. McQuillen reported that no new correspondence has been received other than recent email traffic circulated among Commissioners. Ms. McQuillen indicated that it’s worthy to follow-up with the City Clerk on the rules and parameters surrounding discussions in emails. Reference: Public Meeting Act.

**Commissioner Concerns** –Chair McKibbin said that he is not comfortable making the decision to cancel Planning Commission meetings. He would rather have the entire group make this decision. All Commissioners were in agreement.

Commissioner Lewis voiced concern for the “Cradle to the Grave” (recent newspaper article). The City of Sumner will consider charging extra to individuals that request to be buried inside Sumner City limits that are not residents. The City of Bonney Lake should be looking into a long term plan for cemeteries this type of use possibly erecting a cremation monument. A majority of Commissioners agree.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE-CHAIR SULHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEWIS TO ADJOURN. APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.**

The meeting ended at 7:05P.M.

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Christy McQuillen, Planning Commission Clerk  
Approved on June 6, 2007